



2010 Summer Internship

Criminal Division

Appellate Section

U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC

The Criminal Division Appellate Section's functions include, among others, the responsibility to research and write memoranda on criminal cases in which an adverse ruling has been made against the United States, in order to make a recommendation to the Solicitor General as to whether she should approve an appeal, rehearing, or certiorari in the case. Student interns in the Section are assigned to prepare these memoranda in a broad range of cases, including cases involving suppression of evidence, dismissals of indictments, post-verdict judgments of acquittal, and adverse sentencing determinations. The legal issues are quite varied, and often involve constitutional questions, questions of statutory interpretation, or the correct application of the Sentencing Guidelines.

While students are closely supervised, they are asked to assume primary responsibility for preparing the Division's memorandum in the cases to which they are assigned. That may include contacting the U.S. Attorney's Office from which the case originates, making sure the Division receives a timely recommendation from the U.S. Attorney as well as all relevant materials for making a decision in the particular case, and maintaining contact with the U.S. Attorney's Office throughout the approval process.

An offer of a position as a law student intern is contingent on completion of a security clearance. The internship is a volunteer position, but some schools offer funding for students who take such internships in the public sector, and some schools will arrange law school credit. For a summer internship, the student must be available full time for at least 8 to 10 weeks. We also accept students for a full-time internship during a semester of law school for those whose schools offer such a program for credit.

To apply for an internship, please submit a cover letter, resume, and writing sample to:

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We welcome applications by email or fax. The fax number is 202-305-2121. The email address is: kathleen.felton@usdoj.gov. The application period closes on January 15, 2010.

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